

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-14, and 21-23 are pending in the application.

Claim 4, which was indicated to be allowable, is combined with independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2 as an amended claim 1 thereby rendering it allowable. Claims 2 and 4, therefore, are canceled.

Similarly, independent claim 8 is amended to include similar limitations and is believed to be allowable as well. Claim 9 is also amended to be consistent with claim 8. Claims 15-20 are canceled and are replaced with new claims 21-23. As the official action indicated that the combinations of claims 1 and 2 and (6 or 7) were allowable, claim 21 is presented to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2 and a closed list comprising the alternative of claims 6 and 7. Claims 22 and 23 are copies of dependent claims that depended from claim 1.

With the present amendments, it is believed that each of the independent claims are allowable as well as their dependent claims. Because of the amendments, the grounds for rejection are believed to be moot and are not being addressed. Applicant believes the case is now in condition for allowance. As only three independent claims remain and the total number of claims is less than 20, no additional fees are necessary even with the new claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2126.

Respectfully submitted,

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